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New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Celebrates National Park Week

April 19-25

New Bedford, MA— One day each year, our national parks take time to celebrate Junior Rangers. Junior Ranger Day has been going on in parks across the system for years. Junior Ranger Day is a special day for inviting our youngest visitors to come to their national park and learn about the adventures, risks and opportunities of the stories of whaling.

This year, National Park Week will take place from April 19th-25th. Each day that week, from 9 am- 5 pm, any participant in the park's Junior Ranger program who completes all the ranger activities and bonus activities in the Junior Ranger booklet will receive a special Junior Ranger bracelet and a string backpack, while supplies last. Visitors may ask for the Junior Ranger booklet at the visitor center at 33 William Street, New Bedford. On Saturday, April 25, from 1-4 PM, there will be an additional activity for youngsters to create their version of the Aurora Borealis, or the Northern Lights. This natural dazzling light display is visible in our skies in the Northern Hemisphere. Children will be given materials and instruction will be provided. This activity is suggested for ages 7 and up. All Junior Ranger activities are free of charge. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095. Have fun with your children at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park!

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States.

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